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Dear Senator Chiles:

Thank you for your letter of March 1, on behalf of various constituents, concerning human rights cases in Argentina.

Concerning Mr. Gustavo Westerkamp, he remains detained under the authority of the National Executive. Regarding Isaac Kudnik Ortiz and Mario Jaime Zarezeansky, we have made representations on their behalf to the Argentine Government. Both have applied for the right of option to leave Argentina. Unfortunately, to date, their applications for right of option have been denied. We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to continue their efforts on their behalf. We do not know the current status of Ruben Sergio Fra, nor do we have any information in our current files about Pablo Bohoslavsky, but we will ask our Embassy to inquire.

Rosana Judith Szaferstein and Graciela Mellibovsky are among the many who have disappeared in Argentina and about whose welfare and whereabouts we have been unable to obtain information. Accounting for the disappeared is one of the most difficult human rights problems facing the Argentine Government and one which we hope the Argentines will eventually resolve. At the same time, we will continue to use our influence directly and in international fora to encourage Argentine officials to make whatever information they may have available to the families of missing persons. We will ask our Embassy to notify you directly should any information concerning Ms. Szaferstein and Ms. Mellibovsky become available.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Powell A. Moore
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Enclosures:

Correspondence returned.

The Honorable
Lawton Chiles,
United States Senate.

cc: American Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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